

A Rebel General Turned Poet.

General M. Jeff. Thompson, formerly of Missouri, and now located in New Orleans as a commission merchant, sent the editor of the Evening Post a bottle of Bourbon whisky on Christmas day. Accompanying the present were the following lines:

Dear Pleasure, I pray,  
That on this Christmas day,  
You'll accept this bottle of whisky;  
For 'tis full of 'the soul'.  
Of 'Kentucky old',  
And will make you feel 'plucky and frisky',  
No 'no' 'no' 'no' here—  
No 'Bitters' nor 'Beer'—  
There's nothing but good honest drinking;  
And 'twill make you feel good,  
As all fine whisky should,  
And lighten your heart up to thinking  
Of hours that are past—  
Through ages of troubles and sorrow,  
And if on this night  
You should go to bed 'neath',  
You'll not have the headache to-morrow.  
M. Jeff. Thompson.

Art Notes.

A Florence correspondent thus writes of Powers, the American sculptor, and his latest work:—  
"Florence has looked to see his beautiful 'Giacca', just finished, and exhibiting a new and exquisite triumph of his delicate and expressive chisel. How beautiful is the drapery of Powers' bust, and how indebted are we to him for relieving us from the monotonous folds of the classical and deep-substituting for it the elastic and elegant medieval costume, which falls so gracefully on the shoulders and bosoms of his female portrait busts!

"Nothing can be at once more becoming and elegant than the busts of these matchless drawing-room marbles, with their draperies, displaying so exquisitely the well-moulded proportions of the figure beneath, and edged themselves with their delicate borders, displaying the cunningness of the artist's hand. Powers' busts are filled with these elegant productions, of which the supply can never equal the demand. There is one of his wife, too, of inimitable grace and feeling, and of an expression of the character and deep-substituting for it the elastic and elegant medieval costume, which falls so gracefully on the shoulders and bosoms of his female portrait busts!

"The Richmond Dispatch has the following reference to art matters in that city. It says:—  
"We had the pleasure of seeing at the studio of Mr. Valentine, a bust of General Stonewall Jackson, now nearly completed in plaster. It is a masterpiece work. The likeness is striking, and the whole face bears the impress of great strength in repose. It is more like Jackson than any photograph of him so familiar to every one. It is a life-size bust.  
"Mr. Valentine has a bust of J. E. B. Stuart, partly done, in clay. It promises to be a fine work. He intends to visit Lexington shortly, for the purpose of making a bust of General H. E. Lee.

"A Washington paper states that a few days ago a remarkable 'work of art in snow,' in the public streets (corner of Eleventh and F), attracted the gaze of hundreds. A bust of snow, representing Judge Otto, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, had been formed by a young gentleman, and the bust was so remarkably executed as to arrest the attention of all passers, and to evoke special encomiums from those among the bystanders most capable of pronouncing on its merits. It was a fine likeness, and a fine evidence of talent and skill in the work of the artist. Young Elliott has made several casts, in clay, of an excellent character, and is now, we understand, doing a second cast of the late President Lincoln.

"The disposition of the equestrian statue of General Stonewall Jackson, executed by Mr. Frederick Volk, has not yet been determined. The marble artistic effort is said to be worth not less than \$25,000. Its execution reflects great credit upon this talented sculptor, who has developed in it many points of striking originality and beauty.

"Macdonald, the sculptor, is engaged on a bust of Charles O'Connor, for which he is to receive the order of a number of the members of the bench and bar of New York.

"A medallion in marble of Durand, the landscape artist, is almost finished by L. J. Kuntze, the well-known sculptor.

Southern Share of Taxes.

Washington Correspondence Cincinnati Gazette.  
Under the act of August 5, 1861, levying a direct tax of \$20,000,000 on the several States, the aggregate quota of the eleven Southern States then in rebellion was fixed at \$6,000,000. Of this amount South Carolina, the first to secede into the rebellion, was assessed for her portion of the tax \$663,516.77; Virginia, whose quota was fixed at \$697,500.76; has paid in \$171,420.77; Louisiana, whose quota was \$1,100,000.00, has paid in \$43,569.81; Arkansas, whose quota was \$1,618,866.66, has paid in \$33,165.92; Louisiana, whose quota was \$3,385,886.66, has paid in \$220,000.00; Tennessee's quota was \$663,498.48, and paid in \$188,372.22; Florida's quota was \$375,164.44, and paid in \$55,886.22. The States of Georgia, assessed at \$884,367.33; Alabama, at \$525,313.33; Mississippi, at \$413,084.66; and Texas, at \$3,350,000.00, are the only States which have not yet paid something toward the tax.

The oyster trade at the present time is very extensive in Baltimore, notwithstanding the prices for these delicacies should be higher than they have been for many years. All large exporting houses have a vast number of hands engaged, which, added to those employed in the work of opening in the numerous hotels and restaurants, which are now doing a very considerable element of population. But there is a general complaint on the part of purchasers in regard to the high rates which the oyster buccsters charge, when the supply, even in the best of seasons, is abundant. Abundance on the exhaustible beds of the Chesapeake and its numerous tributaries. Within the past two or three weeks the prices charged per bushel have ranged from one dollar and twenty cents to two dollars, the latter rate now being paid for the best Cherrystones, which are sold from eighty cents to one dollar. It appears from the statements of the largest purchasers that a comparatively small number of persons almost entirely monopolize the trade, and thereby continue to inflate the scale of prices. The proprietors of the best restaurants charge two dollars per gallon for the best oysters, and their profits at that rate must be very light, when it is recollected that a bushel of prime oysters barely produce a gallon when they are opened.

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Death of Elijah F. Purdy.

We were surprised to hear of the sudden death last night of Hon. Elijah F. Purdy, one of our best and ablest Democratic politicians. Mr. Purdy was one of the old régime, and throughout his life he was distinguished by his high character and his patriotic and public station. He was one of the "War Horse of the Democracy," and for many years his word was law in Old Tammany, of which great political institution he was the "guide, philosopher, and friend." His memory will be long and honorably remembered by the people of this city, and his public station will be long and honorably remembered by the people of this city, and his public station will be long and honorably remembered by the people of this city.

COVER DISCOVERED.—Admiral C. H. Davis, Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Observatory, and Hydrographical Office, reported to Secretary Welles the discovery of a new comet by H. P. Tuttle, on the evening of January 5. From observations with the equatorial, Mr. Davis' photographical astronomer, obtained the following place:—  
1866. M. T. W. R. A. Dec.  
Jan. 5. 8h. 16m. 9.2s. 23m. 23s. 29.8s. 5h 2m 50.7s.

The comet is round, of about two minutes (2m.) of arc in diameter, with a slight condensation at the centre.

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